

# Smith County Priorities

To ensure the accuracy of the council's ranking, the prioritization table provided a means of comparison of all top issues addressed. After reviewing and analyzing all primary and secondary data and open discussion among the health council members, the members scored and ranked the top issues.

## Score and Rank Process

Consider the following:

**Size:** This reflects the percentage of the local population affected by the problem.

The largest percentage will be ranked 1.

The smallest percentage will be ranked 12.

**Seriousness:** The most serious problem will be ranked 1.

The least serious problem will be ranked 12.

What is the emergent nature of the health problem? Is there an urgency to intervene? Is there public concern? Is the problem a health problem?

What is the severity of the problem? Does the problem have a high death rate? Does the problem cause premature morbidity or mortality?

Is there actual or potential economic loss associated with the health problems? Does the health problem cause long term illness? Will the community have to bear the economic burden?

What is the potential or actual impact on others in the community?

**STEP 1:** Assign a rank for size.

1 being the highest rank(the largest percentage)

12 being the lowest rank(the smallest percentage)

Assign a rank for seriousness.

1 being the most serious

12 being the least serious

**STEP 2:** Add size and seriousness

**STEP 3:** The final rank will be determined by assessing the totals. The lowest total will have a final rank of 1 and the highest total will have a final rank of 12.